Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Citizens of South Dakota recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health, and enhance the quality of life for all people; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota understand the essential role that education plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places for recreation, to learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence, and sense of self-worth, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation, and parks industries; and,

W*hereas*, The citizens of South Dakota understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety Rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2011, as

WATER SAFETY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State